



Town of Tewksbury

MINUTES

Committee: Tewksbury Recycling Committee

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Tewksbury Town Hall

Members & Staff present: Toby Sedgwick, Loretta Ryan, Sandra Barbeau, Jae Gray, Patricia Coy

Visitor: Hanson Bechat

Members not present: Don Martel, Greg Tuers

The meeting was called to order at: 6:37 pm

Minutes from the August 17, 2016 meeting were approved
(Date)

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions

Welcome to new member: We all introduced ourselves and met Patricia Coy!

Visitors: Bechat Hanson wanted to share an update and suggestions. He is a former Recycling Committee member. He has a package shipping business located in Tewksbury and also provides recycling of packaging materials and paper shredding. In addition, he does media destruction for hard drives. He complimented the progress of the recycling programs in town and the resulting cost savings.

Battery Recycling: Sandy: the box at the library is full. Patricia and Toby will meet at the library on September 22 to assess the situation. Propose sorting date for October. We have 15 empty boxes available to fill.

Financial Update: No updates to report. New budget in place as of July 1 with \$1300.

Social Media: Will be posting a series of ZWD reminders over next few weeks

Unfinished Business:

Membership Drive: keep mentioning to friends and encourage anyone interested to join us

Scholarship Process: Sandy- will discuss at next meeting for input from more members

TRC Tablecloth: Table until future meeting

Harvest Festival: Sunday, Sept 18 from noon-5pm: aim to staff a table of our own or team up with ZWD table. Toby, Jae and Patricia are able to attend. Toby will submit application to request a spot. Toby will make a mini flyer to handout.

Correspondence Action: Only received two inquiries. One was asking about styrofoam recycling. Since ReFoam It is out of business, we don't have any options to pursue styrofoam recycling.

New Business:

Battery Sorting: Set date to sort and package batteries at library as Wednesday, October 19. Will have brief meeting at 6:30, then sort starting at 7pm. Loretta will reserve space at library.

Open Discussion:

Sandy posted new recycling calendar at library

ZWD tote bags: Sandy will ask Republic Services if they would like to offer something to place in the bags. Toby will create a flyer for bags and Sandy will print on bright green paper.

Hanson offered some ideas such as reaching out to community through public tv. Suggested recruiting high school students to help out. We should ask other towns how they handle batteries and costs of alternate programs. We could add a QR code to flyers, linking right to our facebook page and offer a prize in order to increase facebook 'likes.'

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- None

Documents and Other Exhibits used at meeting will be available for review at:

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:37 pm

Next meeting:

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Time: **6:30pm**

Place: Tewksbury Public Library

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Sedgwick, clerk

(Signature)

Minutes approved by Committee on:

October 19, 2016

(Date)